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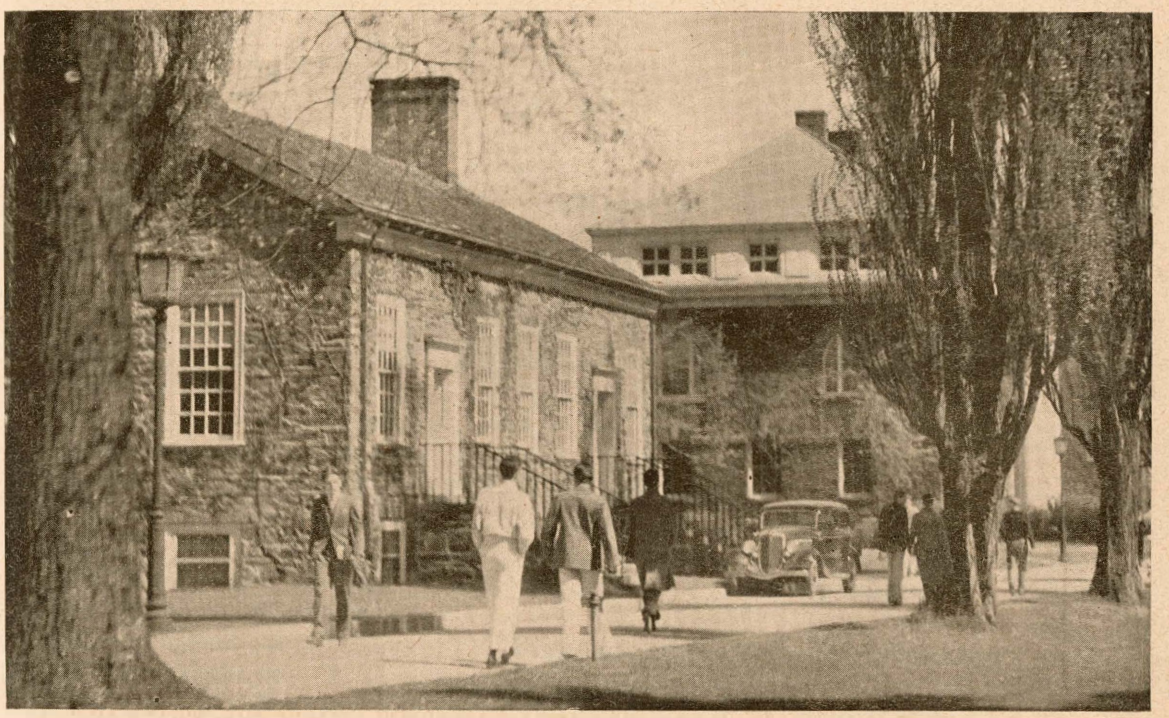

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Appointment of Lt. David Worcester, U.S.N.R., on leave as chairman of the English Department of Michigan State College and one-time senior tutor at Harvard University's Lowell House, as president of Hamilton College has been announced.

The 38-year-old Naval Officer sho holds his doctoral degree from Harvard and who has taught English Literature both at Harvard and Radcliffe, will assume his new duties directly on his discharge from the Navy. In his new position he will be the 12th president in the 133-year history of the College.

Son of the late Rev. Elwood Worcester, for 25 years rector of Boston's Emanuel Church, the Lieutenant is a graduate of Groton School in 1924 and of Hobart College in 1929. His appointment to Hamilton results from a meeting of the College's Board of Trustees presided over by Daniel Burke, New York City attorney.

Granted a leave of absence to join the Navy after eight months on the Michigan State Faculty, the Lieutenant has been stationed continuously at Quonset Point, R.I. where he first assisted in instruction and administration of the Naval Air Combat Intelligence School and later served in the newly established Anti-Submarine Development Detachment. Here he has helped set up training courses, lectured to air crews, and written technical Navy Manuals dealing with tactics, weapons, and fire control.

Dr. Worcester, who did part of his undergraduate work at Harvard, was an editor of the Harvard Crimson, and was a member of the Phoenix, S.K., and Signet Clubs. Later, at Hobart, where he majored in Greek and Latin, he was elected to Phi Beta Kappa and Sigma Phi. His Harvard graduate work was in the fields of English and Germanic Philology and led to his publication in 1940 of a book, "The Art of Satire". He was also awarded a Fellowship for study in England on the life and poetry of the Victorian writer, James Thompson, and later was given a Presidential leave at Harvard to permit him to begin a series of studies on Jonathan Swift.

A direct descendant of the Rev. William Worcester, who founded Salisbury, Mass., in the 1630's, the Lieutenant numbers among his forbears Joseph Worcester, the lexicographer, and Gordon Saltonstall, first governor of Connecticut. His mother, the late Blanche Rulison Worcester, Daughter of an Episcopal Bishop of Pennsylvania, was an accomplished violinist and poet.

The Lieutenant in 1940 married Eleuise Bond Bergland, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Scott Bergland, Wilmington, Delaware. She is a cum laude graduate of Radcliffe College in 1939, and has served as director of volunteers for the Massachusetts General Hospital, Boston 1939-41, as executive secretary of the OCD Civilian War Service for Lansing and Ingham Counties, Michigan, 1941-42, and as director of USO-YWCA activities at the Boston YWCA, 1942-43. The Worcesters now reside in Wickford, R.I.

Serving on the College's trustee committee to select a president were William M. Bristol, vice president of Bristol-Myers Company, Elihu Root Jr., New York Attorney; Frederick P. Lee, Washington Attorney; Irving M. Ives, majority leader of the New York State Assembly; and Edgar W. Couper, Binghamton Insurance man.

The new president will succeed Thomas Brown Rudd, controller and member of the board of trustees, who has been acting president since the resignation of Dr. W. H. Cowley to become professor of higher education at Stamford University.

SCM COUNCIL MEETING HERE IN NOVEMBER

The weekend of November 23-24 Hamilton College will be host to the fall council meeting of The Student Christian Movement of New York State. About thirty to thirty-five student representatives will be present from colleges and universities throughout the state. Delegates will, it is hoped, be able to stay in faculty homes and in Clinton; they will eat in Commons. A preliminary meeting will take place Friday night with business sessions during the day Saturday and possibly a closing meeting Sunday morning. Hamilton has held previous SCM council meetings here since the organization was formed in 1933.

A MORE NORMAL HAMILTON

While some of us may feel that the two-week interim between the summer and fall terms, or the summer, passed entirely too quickly, undoubtedly others who are now on campus feel that since the day they had to leave our campus several years ago, time has passed entirely too slowly. At any rate all seem to be happy to be back on the Hill once more and look forward to a more normal Hamilton this term.

One of the things that should make this term a more normal one is the addition of a president to our administrative staff. Acting President Thomas Brown Rudd and other members of the college administration did a fine job in bringing Hamilton through the last year when male civilian students were at a premium. Now, however, we welcome Dr. David Worcester as the twelfth president of Hamilton College and hope he may have a long and successful presidency here. Although he may not happen to read this, he has our best wishes.

To those of us who can remember the time when there were less than 30 civilian students on campus our present condition of having almost 130 students around Commons at meal times seems definitely crowded. When a student can use as an excuse for being late for a class the fact that he was engulfed in Root Hall traffic from a large History class going the wrong way, we know that the days of individual tutoring have passed. It is only another indication that Hamilton is becoming a little more normal, as it climbs back toward its 450 peacetime enrollment. When we stop to think that 21 freshmen entered in February, 37 came in July, and that now 51 more have joined our ranks, a total of 109 freshmen this year, Hamilton's enrollment record during this last year of the war does not look so bad after all.

For the last couple of years Hamilton has really been a freshman's college, with new men constituting about three-quarters of the student body. Freshman have backed extra-curricular activities, they have held many offices in college organizations, and the present constitution even grants men just out of the freshman class two representatives on the student council as opposed to one for each other group. We seem to be learning that Hamilton's present as well as its future lies in its freshmen. Still, there may come a time in the not-too-distant future when juniors and seniors will again be the only ones recognized as upperclassmen, and upperfreshmen and sophomores will be underclassmen in practice as well as in theory.

In some ways Hamilton may never again reach a "normalcy" such as some of us can remember existing here before the war. For example, it may be rather difficult to reinstitute freshmen restrictions when a good proportion of the first year class will be veterans, some as old as twenty-five and twenty-six. They may well regard suspiciously rules that force them to walk only on campus paths, wear green skullcaps, and abstain from wearing red. Certainly the traditional "sir" used when addressing upperclassmen is not liable to be popular with veterans, eager to free themselves of any tinge of army or navy discipline. It will be interesting to watch freshmen restrictions try to make a comeback in the postwar period.

We can, however, have a more normal Hamilton without freshmen restrictions as also we must have it for a while without fraternities. An eleven-man football team and a choir already off to a good start, and plans for hockey, swimming and basketball teams point to a more normal extra-curricular schedule. How far we want to go in the way of any particular outside activity depends on how much interest we show and how much effort we care to put forth. The success of our extra-curricular activities like the outcome of our studies, rests solely with us. How normal a Hamilton we create this term will depend largely on what we do in the coming months.

Warren E. Schulz

CAMPUS CASUALS
by Alex and Sam

Well, after our little vacation, here we are again, filling our ink-bottles with vitriol and thinking up those little ideas that make or break a column. A hundred and twenty-seven makes a liberal field for subject material, too!

They tell is that we're supposed to have a well-rounded course, including physical training, of course. That keeps the schedule well-rounded and the figure from becoming so.

Trying to turn out a legible paper the other day, somebody concentrated on the penmanship and got careless about his Frenchmanship. Result: Une mauvaise preparation!

It's sometimes hard to tell which part of a science course is the worse, fumbling around in the laboratory or listening to long classroom lectures; science-half lab, half blab.

FLASH! A mild form of cannibalism has appeared at Hamilton if we are to believe what came forth during the roll call in public speaking:".....Girvan Licking Waldo....."

The students hum and sing as they meander about the campus, the seem to "Whistle while they shirk".

On the other hand, the faculty puts on more pressure to try and extract some homework and some correct answers, making us "live and squirm".

Mr. Bowie: "The book that we'll read is Madame Bovary by Flaubert. Now there are English translations available, but they are all uniformly lousy. Even your own translations will be better." Wanna bet?

Upperclassman: "Sprechen Sie Deutsch?"

Freshman (annoyed by such inconsistencies as knife, fork and spoon each being of a different gender): "Ja, ich schmecke Deutsch, und ich spucke es aus!"

Old Faithful: Mr. Prettyman's spout at the beginning of each semester about taking thorough showers before entering the swimming pool.

At last, we think we've discovered which member of the faculty is the most popular with the student body. The other evening in Commons, the entire student body was singing, "....Come fill your glasses up, to Williams, to Williams, to Williams.."

If anyone thinks this column give him mention beyond all measure or is too outspoken about his conduct, let that person think about the statesman Gladstone's remark that the Kingdom of Two Sicilies was "the negation of God erected into a system of government."

QUESTION OF THE WEEK: Who do more talking, the Public Speakers or those who make announcements at dinner?

Had the Russians spoken Latin, they might have used the rallying cry in 1941, "Moscova defenda est!"

Was Shakespeare descended from a warrior ancestor?

Editor's Note: [illegible] !!!

Censor's Note: After the Editor reads this column, his remarks seem to need more deletion than the column! Control that blood pressure, Doc....

I.R.C. SET TO CONTINUE OUTSTANDING PROGRAM IN FALL TERM.

The International Relations Clug is beginning the new term with plans for a program full as stimulating and well balanced as was that of the summer term. At the la regular meeting in September, officers were elected to preside this season. Tom Maccabe, last term's President, declared that there is no indispensible man in any orga ization and declined to be considered for any office this term. Accordingly, the clu selected Warren Schulz as president, George Harlan as vice-president, and Ted Shaw as secretary.

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THE OLD GRAD
By Red Burns

It is not the purpose of the writer or the policy of this paper to condone acts of malicious mischief, but there are certain events, which when viewed in retrospect, can provide a few chuckles. Perhaps at the time these events happened there was absolutely no humor involved. Now to us, however, as we are passing from an era of real tragedy and trouble, perhaps we can see something funny in them.

It also seems that there is nothing an older generation likes to do more than to recall what they did as college boys and strangely, it seems that the most vivid impressions are those of this kind. The purpose of this column, then, will be to allow a few more of us to join the laughter attendent on the telling of these anecdotes. So, if there are any of the older generation or younger generation who know of humorous experiences, please communicate them to Hamiltonews for publication in this column.

The following is an authentic letter:

Office of the Dean
Hamilton College
Clinton, New York

Dear Murray:-

A problem of some import has arisen which I want to present to the Student Council. The Council may feel that it doesn't want to handle the problem and if it doesn't I will of course work with it myself. Frankly, however, I hope that the Student Council will discuss the situation and work out a plan of procedure.

It seems that after the Union game rally (Nov. 17) between ten and twelve o'clock a group of students went over to the Crane farm on Griffin Road and, among other things, did the following:

1. Took away parts of a new milking machine which Mr. Crane had bought the previous day
2. Drove several cows out on the golf course.
3. Beat up one of the cows so badly that it is not well yet.
4. Put a rope around the neck of another cow and badly bruised its neck.
5. Left the doors of the barn wide open so that the cows remaining in the barn were subjected to the cold.

I suggested to Mr. Crane that perhaps some of the town boys who were on the Hill that night were responsible. But he reports that some of the miscreants carried flares similar to the flares carried during the rally, and that there were ten or twelve men in the group. He himself did not see them but members of his family and neighbors did. Mr. Crane has presented the College with a bill and of course I am interested in having this bill paid by the men responsible. I want to see that steps are taken to prevent such unsocial acts in the future. I thought the rally a great success, and I am frank to say that I am terribly upset that a few unsocialized students should have destroyed the success of the evening.

I'll be very happy to talk with the Student Council at it's convenience, and I should value your cooperation.

Faithfully yours,
W. H. Cowley

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The first meeting of the club will be covered in next week's issue. It has been agreed to hold regular meetings on alternate Wednesdays throughout the year, and all Hamiltonians are invited to any or all meetings. Dr. Graves will once again be present at all meetings to provide us with his invaluable assistance.

POET'S CORNER

AN ACQUAINTANCE

I looked down at you from cliff tops
when I explored a cave.

I passed across streets
which you were seen to saunter.

And I glared at you on a field seared
with your flaming breath

In sake of that which is called national honor.

When I passed you by a darkened alley
your eyes were hidden by the lowered brim
of a soft brown hat.

I knew not who you were or that you were
really that.

But one day we shall meet again

And I know I must accept your hospitality
then.

But Lord be very kind and let me never know
just where he is to be or when

ANONYMOUS

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SUNRISE

A great aurora fills the sky
With glorious beams;
All full-bloomed colors blossom high,
In truth it seems
As if all beauty were unloosed,
All colors one.
The day has once again seduced
The blazing sun!

---Frederick S. Kellogg

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THOMAS MACCABE'S PRAYER

Our Governor who art in Albany. Hallowed be thy name. Thy presidency come. Thy will be done, in Washington, as it is in Albany. Give us this day our daily graft and forgive us our partyslackers as we forgive those who voted against you. Lead us not into the Democratic Party, but deliver us from the New Deal. For thine is the presidency, the power and the glory for at least four terms. Amen.
(Taken from dictograph recording in Rm 4 C.H. by the N.D.F Society (New Deal Forever)

SOUTH DORM SKETCHES

Rochester seems to be well represented as Hamilton starts its one hundred and thirty fourth fall semester. Jack Bartlett, a product of Charlotte High busied himself last year as a member of the stage crew and honor society of that school.

Jack Riffle, another Rochester man, has left Brighton High where music and dramatics held a high place with him.

With these snow flurries about the campus of late most of us men are wishing that our winter flannels would soon arrive. Not Dave Butters- its always cold where he comes from, - namely Fort Erie, Ontario. At Fort Erie High "Doc" kept the dramatic club warm.

"Mickey Illingsworth was valedictorian of the graduating class at Sauquoit High last spring.

If you happened to be in Utica last Saturday you may have heard some sweet music coming from the Hotel Utica Ballroom. Undoubtedly this was coming from one of Hamilton's own men, John Schorge. "Shorty" wound up his courses at New Hartford High last fall and left the band without a nice president.

Gordon Cooke was student vice-president of the Gramatan Athletic Club of Bronxville High for three years.

Norman Hoberman was a member of the honor society at Erasmus High in Brooklyn, New York. Other than women Norman is interested in photography.

The best all-round student as selected by vote of the faculty at St. John's Cathedral School was George Fosdick. "Fearless" also attended Newton High, Queens, New York.

Eugene Romano of Utica, New York attended Utica Free Academy and Mount Assumption Plattsburg, New York. Gene was treasurer of the Senior Class, Editor of the school paper, and is one of Hamilton's better pianists.

The salutatorian and editor of the year book of Port Chester High was Charlie Doran.

Phillips Exeter Academy is represented by Judson Strubel of Newton, New Jersey. French and Press Clubs hold most of Jud's interest.

A good guy to avoid getting into an argument with is Edward Everett, who is quite eloquent with his debating. Ed's from Roosevelt High, Yonkers, New York.

Hornell High's salutatorian, pianist and winner of the Science and Math. award is at Hamilton. He's Lowell Swarts.

Warren Moore from Onondaga Valley Academy in Syracuse was a member of the band, manager of the year book and a member of the dramatic club.

Another debater here at Hamilton is Fred. McGarity from Norwich High

Bob Orth was a member of the swimming team at Greenwich High, Greenwich, Conn. last year.

Perhaps the guy who has the most reason for being homesick is Tom Thompson from Lincoln, Nebraska. Tugger was a member of Lincoln High's football and basketball teams.

Another Syracuse man is Bob Sollinger who was Honor graduate and Editor of the School paper at Nottingham High.

Tom Sweet is from Chadwicks High. "T.S." is quite a baseball player.

Newark High's representative at Hamilton is Johnny Davis. Back in Newark, New York, Johnny was quite a football star.

Jim Pratt from Montvale, New Jersey was a member of the Press Club and a staff writer on the year book at Peddie Prep School last year.

John Fell is a representative from Westfield High School, Westfield, New Jersey. Last year he was a member of the school paper. He was also editor of the year book as well as manager of the tennis team.

John Korpats is a member of the Alumni of the Music and Art High School in New York City where he was an editorial writer and a member of the choral group.

Joe Conto who was Senior Class president as well as president of their National

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SOUTH DORM SKETCHES continued

Honor Society Chapter hails from Proctor High in Utica.

Elliott "Ellie" Howard is a football and basketball player as well as a dramatic artist from A. B. Davis High in Mount Vernon, New York.

Bob Lipgar from Kingston High in Kingston, New York held down the job of editor of the school paper and graduated an honor student.

Alan McAneny "Esq." is a product of Roosevelt High and Sanford Prep School. Mac was active in football and track and makes Bronxville the place where he hangs his coat.

Two returning vererans both with Purple Hearts are William Donnelly and Rod Thompson. Completing the threesome in Room 2 is George Barnum, also a veteran.

Gene Simpson, year boo, staff and manager of the tennis team is from Cheshire Academy in a place called Canastota, New York.

Fred Fuess III of Baldwinsville, New York has set up housekeeping in Room 22. One cannot help admiring him when one sees his photographic work in the Baldwinsville High Year Book. He also added quite a bit to the chorus and band at Baldwinsville. With Fred is Tom Dolan of Utica, New York, who has just breezed through three years at Utica Free Academy. Making the room complete is Robert Cort Kastensmith from (Evelyn O.) Baldwin, Long Island.

As I was coming down the stairs I met Jim Strand from Plain Village, Pa., who was just heading for his establishment in room 21.

On the first floor, Room 16 to be exact, a pianist from Batavia, one Bob Hole, lives with Bob Hoag of Hamden, New York, and Johnny MacInnes of Buffalo.

by Gene Simpson and Bob Lipgar.

CARNEGIE CENCUS
by Fred Kuhner

In Carnegie dormitory, we find that all of the new faces belong to ex-servicemen. On the first floor are three new ex-army men; Bruce Stearns from Syracuse, Harold Wagner from Endicott, and Bob Pigott from Forest Hills, L.I. Bruce had two years at the University of Syracuse before he entered the service but Harry and Bob are entering as freshmen.

Bruce Hayes from Brooklyn, and Henry Forman from Ridgefield, N. J. are rooming together in number 10. Both fellows were in the service for over three years and are entering as new men.

Two members of the class of '46 are back with us, and are rooming together in r room 6. They are Bill Boynton and Jim Kent from West Orange, N.J. and Norwich respectively. Bill is an Alpha Delt and Jim is just another loyal son of ol' Psi U.

Henry Bissex, Bob Licking and Bert Butzer are rooming together in 8. Bissex, who is in the class of '44, wants it to be dnown that he is not a five year man, but that he has been in the service for the past few years. Licking who is in the class of '45 as also is Butzer, is a fraternity brother of Bissex. Both of them are members of Delta Upsilon. Bissex hails from Hackensack, N. J. Licking from Kew Gardens, L.I., and Butzer from Buffalo. All three fellows are pretty much agreed that the ol' school ain't what she used to be, but it will be only a matter of a term or so before things really get moving again.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

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October 8th, 1945

Editor
Hamilton College Newspaper
Hamilton College
Clinton, New York

To the Students of Hamilton College:

From the spring of 1942 to the summer of 1943, the students of Hamilton College operated a campus "wired-wireless" radio station. WHC was an important member of the Intercollegiate Broadcasting System, but due to wartime restrictions on radio equipment and the drop in Hamilton enrollment, the station was eventually forced to suspend programming operation. Dr. Wentworth Fling, faculty advisor and guiding light of WHC, also succumbed to the pressure of war duties. When we last heard from him in 1944, he was working with the Fairchild Aviation Corporation.

We were sorry to see WHC discontinue, for those college stations which were able to maintain operation throughout the trying war years performed many valuable communications, intertainment, and educational services for the campuses, and for the military training units housed thereon.

Now, with the war over, we have no doubt that Hamilton students (including many returning war veterans) will be eager to resume this extra-curricular broadcasting activity which trained the studdnts and served the campus in the past. The Intercollegiate Broadcasting System will be glad to give every aid to any student or Student-faculty groups interested in resuming WHC'S operation, and will happily welcome Hamilton back into our growing list of IBS member colleges.

Cordially yours,

Lincoln Diamant

Business manager
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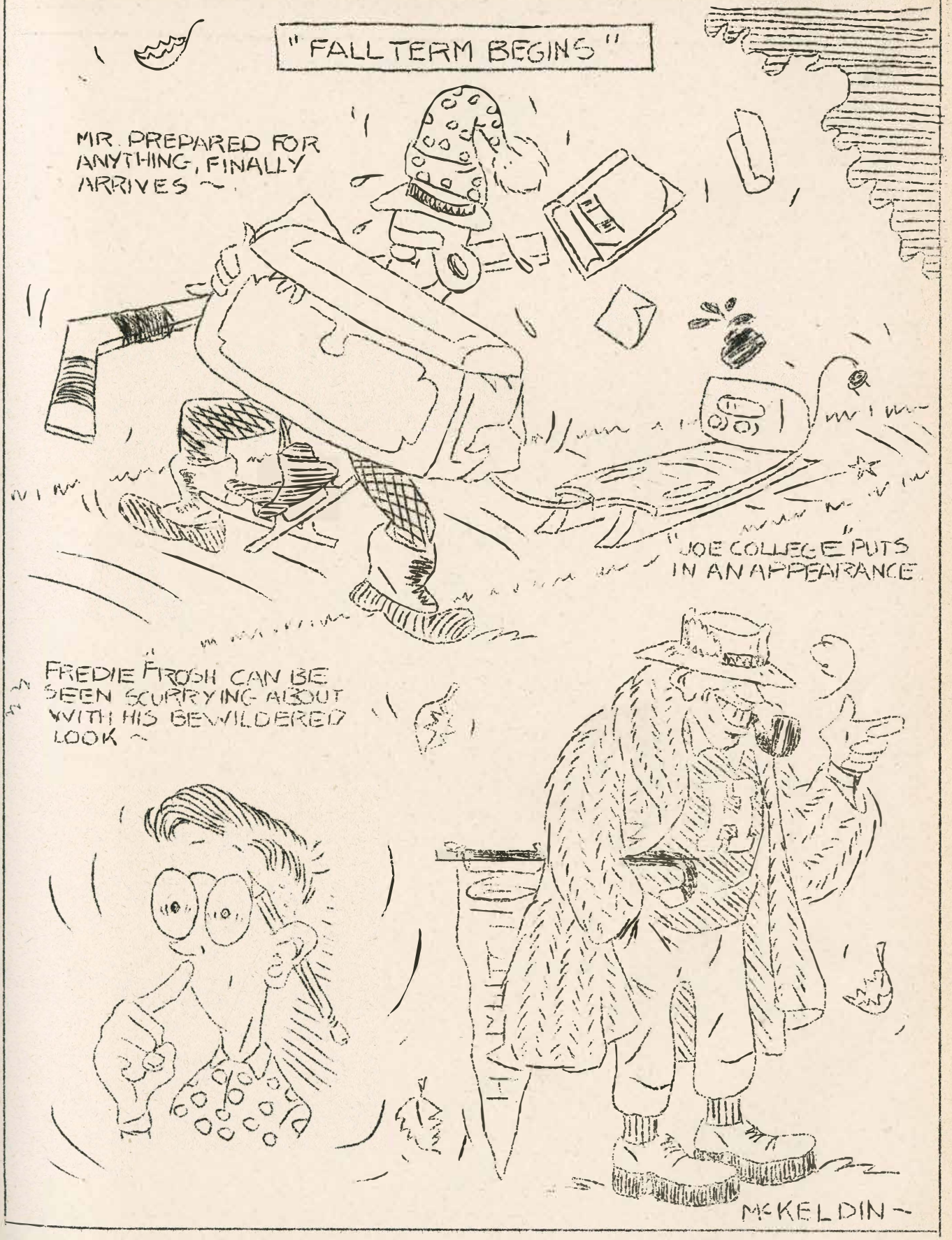
HIGHLIGHTS of HAMILTON

"FALL TERM BEGINS"



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